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White House Postpones Secret Security Parley

A meeting of President Eisenhower with some of his top military and diplomatic advisers, described officially as "one of a series of routine technical briefings," was postponed today until tomorrow morning.

At the same time White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty spiked reports that the top secret conference concerned the Middle East.

Secrecy surrounding the reason for the meeting when it first was announced late yesterday as being on the President's schedule today, had stirred widespread speculation.

Mr. Hagerty announced this morning that the conference was postponed until 9 a.m. tomorrow because some officials were unable to attend today's meeting.

Those called to the conference were top officials of the Defense, State and Air Force Departments and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Hagerty said that to "simmer down" some of the speculation, he would make this statement:

"While the subject to be discussed is of a classified nature, I can tell you this: It does not in any way relate to the Middle East.

"It is one of a series of routine technical briefings on various phases of our American security program."

Because it does concern security, Mr. Hagerty said, "that is why I can't tell you any more" about the nature of the meeting.

Meanwhile Secretary of State Dulles was busy with reports on his own recent Asian trip. He will tell the Nation tonight about his current ideas for blocking efforts by Russia to penetrate the free nations of Asia politically and economically.

He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that he found "a wealth of friend-

ship" for the United States in South Korea and an absence of policy differences between the United States and Japan.

In a summary of his report, Acting Chairman Green, Democrat of Rhode Island, said Mr. Dulles told the Senators that in face-to-face meetings with Asian leaders "he had opportunity to gauge their concerns and anxieties and to provide appropriate assurances."

"The recent 'firm link' joint defense operations off Bangkok," Mr. Dulles was quoted as saying, "helped to emphasize the nature of our participation (in SEATO) as that of a mobile support for indigenous forces."

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